

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
ROSE M. JACKSON  
ON BEHALF OF  
DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.  
DOCKET NO. 2020-5-G**

1   **Q.   PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND POSITION.**

2   A.           My name is Rose M. Jackson, and my business address is 1300 12th Street,  
3           Suite F, Cayce, South Carolina. I am employed by Dominion Energy Southeast  
4           Services, Inc. (“DES Services”) as General Manager – Supply & Asset  
5           Management.

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7   **Q.   PLEASE   DESCRIBE   YOUR   EDUCATIONAL   AND   BUSINESS**  
8   **BACKGROUND.**

9   A.           I graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1988 with a Bachelor  
10          of Science degree in Accounting. Following graduation, I worked for approximately  
11          three (3) years as an accountant for a national security services firm. In 1992, I  
12          began my employment with SCANA Corporation (“SCANA”) as an accountant  
13          working directly for SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc. Over the years, I have held  
14          varying positions of increasing responsibility including Energy Services  
15          Coordinator, where I was responsible for scheduling gas for the Atlanta Gas Light  
16          System; project manager for the implementation of an automated gas management  
17          system; and Manager of Operations. In 1998, I became responsible for gas  
18          procurement, interstate pipeline and local distribution company scheduling and

1 preparation of gas accounting information. In May 2002, I became Manager of  
2 Operations and Gas Accounting with SCANA Services, now DES Services, where  
3 I was responsible for gas scheduling on interstate pipelines and gas accounting for  
4 all SCANA subsidiaries. In November 2003, I became Fuels Planning Manager  
5 where I assisted all SCANA subsidiaries with strategic planning and special projects  
6 associated with natural gas. I held this position until promoted to my current  
7 position in December 2005.

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9 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AS GENERAL MANAGER – SUPPLY & ASSET**  
10 **MANAGEMENT?**

11 A. In regard to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC” or the  
12 “Company”) concerning this proceeding, I am responsible for gas supply and asset  
13 management functions. Specifically, my responsibilities include the oversight of  
14 planning, procurement of supply and capacity, nominations and scheduling, gas cost  
15 accounting, state and federal regulatory issues concerning supply and capacity, and  
16 asset and risk management.

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18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY.**

19 A. The purpose of my testimony in this docket is two-fold. First, I discuss  
20 DESC’s portfolio of gas supply, addressing the various gas supply and  
21 transportation options available to the Company. Second, I discuss the state of the

1 natural gas market during the period of August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020 (“Review  
2 Period”).

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4 **I. GAS SUPPLY**

5 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE GAS SUPPLY OPTIONS CURRENTLY**  
6 **AVAILABLE TO DESC.**

7 A. There are three gas supply options that are available to DESC: (1) wellhead gas  
8 supply, (2) underground storage, and (3) liquefied natural gas (“LNG”). DESC’s gas  
9 asset portfolio includes each of these supply options, and the Company has combined  
10 these supply options with interstate transportation to meet its firm demand under  
11 varying weather conditions at reasonable cost.

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13 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AVAILABLE INTERSTATE PIPELINE**  
14 **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS.**

15 A. DESC purchases interstate pipeline transportation capacity on both a firm  
16 and interruptible basis from the three (3) interstate pipelines that provide service to  
17 DESC: Southern Natural Gas Company (“Southern”), Transcontinental Gas Pipe  
18 Line Corporation (“Transco”), and Dominion Energy Carolina Gas Transmission,  
19 LLC (“DECGT”).

20 Interstate Firm Transportation (“FT”) service permits DESC access to  
21 interstate pipeline transportation capacity on a priority basis. Interruptible  
22 Transportation (“IT”) service is only available when FT customers, such as DESC,

1 are not using their FT capacity. IT service is curtailed when FT customers use their  
2 capacity. In sum, FT and IT services use the same physical pipeline capacity, with  
3 FT service having priority. DESC contracts for FT service from the three interstate  
4 pipelines serving South Carolina to ensure delivery of natural gas during colder  
5 periods when the full transportation capacity of these pipelines is used and when the  
6 demand for natural gas service is typically greatest. DESC currently holds 161,144  
7 dekatherms (“Dt”) of firm capacity on Southern and 70,458 Dt of firm capacity on  
8 Transco. During the Review Period, DESC held 378,529 Dt of firm capacity with  
9 DECGT during the winter heating season in order to deliver gas from Transco and  
10 Southern and from DESC’s in-state LNG facilities to DESC’s system. On October  
11 18, 2019, the Company acquired through an open season an additional 400 Dts per  
12 day on DECGT, beginning on November 1, 2020. Additionally, the Company  
13 contracted for winter only firm transportation in the amount of 27,000 Dts per day  
14 on Elba Express for a two-year term beginning on November 1, 2019. Exhibit No.  
15 \_\_\_ (RMJ-1) provides a summary of the firm transportation and storage contracts by  
16 pipeline supplier.

1   **Q.   HAS THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”) PANDEMIC HAD**  
2       **ANY ADVERSE MATERIAL IMPACT ON THE COMPANY’S ABILITY**  
3       **TO PURCHASE OR DELIVER NATURAL GAS ON INTERSTATE**  
4       **PIPELINES?**

5   A.       No. The Company continues to be able to procure sufficient quantities of  
6       natural gas to reliably serve its customers.

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8   **Q.   DO YOU ANTICIPATE THAT THE SALE OF DOMINION ENERGY,**  
9       **INC.’S TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE ASSETS, INCLUDING DECGT,**  
10       **WILL HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE COMPANY’S ABILITY TO**  
11       **PURCHASE OR DELIVER NATURAL GAS ON INTERSTATE**  
12       **PIPELINES?**

13   A.       No. There is no change to the quantities, rates, or other terms of the  
14       Company’s existing contracts with DECGT, and it is the Company’s understanding  
15       that day-to-day operations will remain the same.

1 **Q. WILL DOMINION ENERGY, INC.'S DECISION TO CANCEL**  
2 **CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE HAVE A**  
3 **MATERIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO**  
4 **PURCHASE OR DELIVER NATURAL GAS ON INTERSTATE**  
5 **PIPELINES?**

6 A. No. DESC did not participate in the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, and the Atlantic  
7 Coast Pipeline project, as planned, did not deliver natural gas to South Carolina.  
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9 **Q. HOW DOES DESC OPTIMIZE ITS FIRM TRANSPORTATION**  
10 **CAPACITY?**

11 A. DESC optimizes its firm transportation capacity through "segmentation" which  
12 allows DESC to deliver up to twice as much supply on a portion of its firm capacity  
13 while paying only one demand charge. Interstate pipelines allow segmentation as long  
14 as the delivery point meter has sufficient capacity and gas supply does not cross the  
15 same delivery point.  
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17 **Q. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES AS TO HOW DESC OPTIMIZES**  
18 **ITS FIRM TRANSPORTATION CAPACITY?**

19 A. No. As a result of the DESC Electric Department's increased need for gas  
20 capacity, the 2015 Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") approved by the  
21 Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") in Docket No. 2015-  
22 5-G eliminated sharing of 27,000 Dt per day of interstate transportation base

1 capacity between DESC's Electric and Gas Departments on October 31, 2016.  
2 However, the 2015 MOU maintains the ability of the departments to share gas  
3 transportation capacity on an interruptible basis as conditions warrant. The MOU  
4 also allows the departments to allocate transportation capacity; therefore, the Gas  
5 Department continues to have access to 27,000 Dt in Zone 1 of the DECGT system.  
6 As stated above, the Company contracted for 27,000 Dts per day of winter only firm  
7 transportation on Elba Express for a two-year term to supply the 27,000 Dt of Zone  
8 1 capacity on DECGT.

9 Also, as part of the MOU sharing arrangement, and beginning November 1,  
10 2020, the Gas Department will receive an additional 18,498 Dts per day of Zone 1  
11 capacity on DECGT which was acquired by DESC on December 1, 2015. Prior to  
12 the execution of the contract for this 18,498 Dts per day of Zone 1 capacity, the Gas  
13 and Electric Departments had agreed that the Electric Department would hold the  
14 capacity prior to November 1, 2020; and the Gas Department would hold the  
15 capacity after that date.

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17 **Q. WHAT INTERSTATE STORAGE ASSETS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE**  
18 **COMPANY TO AID IN DELIVERING RELIABLE AND SECURE GAS**  
19 **SERVICE TO DESC CUSTOMERS?**

20 A. The Company currently has 4,908,848 Dt of storage capacity on Southern's  
21 system, with maximum daily withdrawal capability from this storage equaling  
22 99,121 Dt per day at peak storage inventory. On Transco, DESC subscribes to

593,735 Dt of storage capacity, with a maximum withdrawal quantity of 19,789 Dt per day at peak storage inventory. Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (RMJ-1) reflects total storage and withdrawal capacity by pipeline supplier in a table format.

**Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE LNG FACILITIES AND THEIR CAPACITIES.**

A. DESC owns and operates two LNG facilities: one at Bushy Park near Charleston which can liquefy and store up to 980 million cubic feet (“Mmcf”) of LNG, and the other at Salley in Orangeburg County, which can store up to 900 Mmcf of trucked-in LNG. LNG must be transported to Salley via truck because Salley has no liquefaction facilities.

**Q. AT WHAT VAPORIZATION RATE CAN DESC USE THESE FACILITIES?**

A. The combined storage capability of these facilities allows our system throughput planning to assume a maximum daily withdrawal quantity of 105 Mmcf/day. For example, assuming that storage volumes are at maximum capacity, Bushy Park’s inventory would be exhausted in approximately 16 days if operated at a withdrawal rate of 60 Mmcf/day, and Salley’s inventory would be exhausted in approximately 20 days if operated at a withdrawal rate of 45 Mmcf/day.

**Q. WHAT BENEFIT DO THESE LNG ASSETS PROVIDE THE COMPANY?**

A. DESC relies primarily upon its LNG assets to fulfill the peaking needs of its system and customers. Additionally, the on-system LNG service significantly adds



1 to the reliability and security of gas supply during unfavorable operating conditions  
2 that may occur from time to time. For example, DESC's supply of gas could be  
3 unexpectedly interrupted because abnormally cold weather creates a spike in  
4 demand which in turn causes equipment malfunctions, well freeze-ups, and other  
5 operational anomalies thereby limiting the supply of gas into South Carolina. In  
6 these instances, DESC could employ the use of its on-system LNG facilities for a  
7 limited time to offset or reduce any adverse effects caused by an upstream  
8 interruption.

9 Attached hereto as Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (RMJ-2) is a comparison of DESC's firm  
10 sales service to its capacity to deliver gas to serve firm demand. This exhibit  
11 indicates that the Company will have firm assets sufficient to provide a 5.67%  
12 system-wide operating reserve (excluding segmentation) during the upcoming  
13 winter heating season. This operating reserve is conditioned on the availability of  
14 the LNG facilities.

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16 **Q. DO YOU ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL INTERSTATE CAPACITY NEEDS**  
17 **IN THE NEAR FUTURE?**

18 A. Yes. DESC will require additional interstate pipeline capacity in order to  
19 meet future design day forecasts as a result of (1) demand growth on its system for  
20 natural gas and (2) the inability to rely on segmentation between certain  
21 geographical regions, or area points, to the degree it has in the past.

1           The three interstate natural gas pipelines that serve DESC have indicated  
2           that, based on current contracts, they are fully subscribed. Typically, interstate  
3           pipelines are designed with little to no unsubscribed capacity therefore requiring  
4           advance notice to build facilities for additional natural gas throughput. As such,  
5           DESC continues to evaluate new interstate projects available in the marketplace and  
6           to seek opportunities to participate in larger interstate pipeline projects which may  
7           provide a benefit due to the economies of scale associated with such future projects.

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9   **Q.   HAVE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERSTATE PIPELINE**  
10 **ASSETS CHANGED?**

11   A.       Yes. As I discussed in last year's proceeding, the settlement approved by the  
12           Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in May 2018 in Southern's latest  
13           pipeline rate case, included a decrease associated with the Federal Tax Cuts & Jobs  
14           Act which provided for a decrease in rates in two phases. The first phase, which  
15           became effective September 1, 2018, resulted in a 1% reduction in tariff rates, or a  
16           decrease of \$0.00094 per therm for DESC's firm customers. The second phase  
17           became effective during the Review Period on September 1, 2019, and resulted in  
18           an additional 7% reduction in tariff rates, or an estimated decrease of \$0.00651 per  
19           therm for DESC's firm customers. The cumulative estimated impact to DESC's firm  
20           customers is an estimated decrease of \$0.00745 per therm.

21           Also, as discussed in last year's proceeding, Transco filed a Section 4 general  
22           rate increase at FERC on August 31, 2018. The filed rates, which resulted in a 28%

1 increase in tariff rates, were effective March 1, 2019, subject to refund pending a  
2 settlement or hearing of the case. On March 24, 2020, FERC approved a settlement  
3 in the Transco Section 4 rate case which provided DESC with a net decrease of  
4 0.82% to transportation rates and an increase of 24.47% to storage rates that were  
5 in effect prior to the rate case. The revised rates resulted in a refund in the amount  
6 of \$1,420,453 to DESC. The overall settlement resulted in an increase of 0.56% in  
7 tariff rates, or an increase of \$0.00020 per therm for DESC's firm customers, as  
8 compared to the 28% increase originally requested by Transco when its rate case  
9 was filed.

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11 **Q. WHY IS DESC UNABLE TO RELY ON SEGMENTATION TO THE**  
12 **DEGREE IT HAS IN THE PAST?**

13 A. DESC may no longer have the flexibility to rely on segmentation to meet  
14 design day needs between area points to the degree it has in the past due to more  
15 businesses subscribing to the DECGT pipeline to serve increased firm demand on  
16 the DECGT system. Historically, DESC has reviewed its firm capacity needs on a  
17 system-wide basis and relied on segmentation to meet design day needs between  
18 area points. However, as its ability to rely on segmentation decreases, DESC will  
19 be required to look at its system growth in more detail by area points rather than on  
20 a system-wide basis in order to determine where new facilities will need to be  
21 constructed and to contract for any necessary additional firm transportation by area  
22 points.

**Q. HOW DOES DESC UTILIZE ITS COMBINED INTERSTATE STORAGE AND ON-SYSTEM LNG TO ENSURE RELIABLE GAS SERVICE?**

A. There are two dimensions to storage services: peak capability and duration. DESC uses its storage to address both of these dimensions. Certain storage services are designed to meet spikes in demand on very cold days but only for a short period of time. The storage services in DESC's portfolio of this type include Transco LNG Storage Service and both the Bushy Park and Salley LNG facilities located on DESC's system. Accordingly, these storage services provide DESC with system reliability and peaking capability.

Other storage services are geared toward meeting demand over more of the winter period and not only on the coldest days. As set forth in Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (RMJ-1), the storage services in DESC's portfolio of this type include Transco Washington Storage Service ("WSS"), Transco Eminence Storage Service ("ESS"), Transco General Storage Service ("GSS") and Southern's Contract Storage Service ("CSS"). Therefore, these storage services provide DESC with duration capability. Through the active management of these assets, DESC is able to meet the needs of its firm customers on the coldest days of the winter and over the entire winter.

**Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CONSIDERATIONS EVALUATED BY DESC IN ASSEMBLING ITS GAS SUPPLY PORTFOLIO.**

A. The Company's evaluations for assembling its gas supply portfolio include reviewing the gas supply, storage, transportation, and other assets already under

1 contract. Other considerations include such things as geographical delivery  
2 limitations, maximum volumes, storage ratchets, and the cost of the various  
3 services. DESC then compares the resources against the firm demand under varying  
4 weather conditions. Finally, the Company determines whether additional resources  
5 are required to serve the firm demand.

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7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE USE OF EACH OF THESE VARIOUS**  
8 **SERVICES WITHIN THE PORTFOLIO.**

9 A. DESC places different levels of reliance on its various supply sources based  
10 on the time of year in question. Decisions related to the purchase of gas supply are  
11 based upon the best information available to DESC at the time of execution. During  
12 the winter heating season, the Company uses its wellhead gas as its principal supply,  
13 followed by the use of its natural gas supply stored in underground storage facilities.  
14 DESC primarily uses its on-system LNG to meet the last increment of demand on  
15 the coldest days or hours of the year.

16 As the winter progresses, this order of usage may be modified. For example,  
17 if South Carolina experiences mild weather during the early part of the winter and  
18 storage inventories are relatively high, then underground storage and LNG  
19 withdrawals may be used instead of wellhead supply.

## II. NATURAL GAS MARKET

**Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE NATURAL GAS MARKET DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD.**

A. Domestic natural gas supply continues to be the lowest priced and most abundant supply in the global natural gas market primarily due to domestic shale production. However, the cost of building new interstate pipeline infrastructure to move shale production continues to rise due to the amount of greenfield pipeline required to move supply from areas in the Northeast such as Marcellus and Utica to market. Interstate pipeline flows are also changing direction. Historically, interstate pipelines have moved gas from the Gulf of Mexico to the Northeast. Developed, current and proposed pipeline projects are reversing the flow to move gas from North to South. Further, the construction timeline to build interstate pipeline capacity is increasing due to more scrutiny from regulators, special interest groups and the public. New capacity projects are estimated to take five (5) years or more before they can be placed into service.

Regarding natural gas prices, the market began the Review Period in the mid \$2.20 per Dt area. After not breaking below the \$2.00 per Dt mark in early August, the market moved higher, reaching the \$2.90 per Dt area by early November. Higher price levels were unsustainable due to lack of consistent cold weather combined with ample natural gas in storage, and prices fell throughout the winter, reaching the low \$1.50 per Dt range by late March. The market moved to \$2.15 per Dt in early May only to fall again due to lower industrial demand and late arriving

1 electric generation load from air conditioning demand. The market reached its low  
2 of the Review Period at approximately \$1.43 per Dt in late June, a low not seen in  
3 nearly twenty-five years. From there, the market experienced a small bounce,  
4 finishing the Review Period in the \$1.80 per Dt area.

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6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TOOLS THAT THE COMPANY UTILIZES TO**  
7 **MITIGATE PRICE VOLATILITY TO ITS CUSTOMERS.**

8 A. The Company relies on the approved 12-month rolling purchased gas  
9 adjustment mechanism, as described in more detail by Company Witness Elliott, and  
10 physical gas storage to mitigate price volatility to its customers.

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12 **III. COMPANY REQUESTS**

13 **Q. IN REGARD TO THE COMPANY'S PURCHASING PRACTICES, WHAT**  
14 **ARE YOU REQUESTING OF THE COMMISSION IN THIS**  
15 **PROCEEDING?**

16 A. During the Review Period, DESC contracted for sufficient supplies of natural  
17 gas and provided reliable service to its customers. DESC also adequately maintained  
18 gas, storage, and transportation assets for its system during the Review Period at levels  
19 that were prudent and reasonably met the reliability and service needs of the system.  
20 It is my opinion that DESC's acquisition and management of these assets during the  
21 Review Period has been prudent and reasonable. Therefore, I respectfully request the

1 Commission find that DESC's cost for gas purchases and asset management were  
2 reasonable and prudent for the Review Period.

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4 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

5 A. Yes.



**Dominion Energy South Carolina  
Existing Firm Transportation and Storage Contracts**

Transportation					Storage			
		Transportation	Expiration	Type	Maximum	Maximum Daily	Contract	
		Dt/Day	Date		Storage	Withdrawal Quantity	Expiration Date	
Southern	FSNG349 FT	Firm Transportation	44,078	August 31, 2021	CSS	4,908,848	99,121	August 31, 2021
	FSNG349 FTNN	Firm Transportation	80,472	August 31, 2021				
	FSNG349 FT	Firm Transportation	36,594	August 31, 2021				
			161,144					
Elba Express								
	MFTEEC-473567	Firm Transportation	27,000	March 31, 2021				
Transco								
	Z1 - Z5	Firm Transportation	3,209	December 30, 2022	ESS	115,846	13,854	September 30, 2029
	Z2 - Z5	Firm Transportation	4,720	December 30, 2022	GSS	26,366	503	March 31, 2023
	Z3 - Z5	Firm Transportation	3,587	December 30, 2022	WSS	447,938	4,715	March 31, 2022
	Z3 - Z5	Firm Transportation	7,360	December 30, 2022	LNG	3,585	717	October 31, 2022
	Station 65 (Sunbelt)	Firm Transportation	39,606	October 31, 2022	Total Transco	593,735	19,789	
	Station 85 (Sunbelt)	Firm Transportation	6,170	October 31, 2022				
	FT	Firm Transportation	5,806	March 31, 2084				
			70,458					
					<u>DESC On-System LNG (in mcf)</u>			
Dominion Energy Carolina Gas Transmission (DECGT)		Firm Transportation	1,500	April 30, 2028	DESC	1,880,000	105,000	
		Firm Transportation	7,500	October 31, 2026				
		Firm Transportation	12,000	October 31, 2036				
		Firm Transportation	50,000	February 29, 2048				
		Firm Transportation	5,000	March 31, 2035				
		Firm Transportation	600	March 31, 2030				
		Firm Transportation	5,000	March 31, 2030				
		Firm Transportation <sup>(1)</sup>	400	March 31, 2030				
		Firm Transportation <sup>(1)</sup>	18,498	November 30, 2030				
		Firm Transportation	296,929	October 31, 2021				
			397,427					

<sup>(1)</sup>Transportation Contracts commence November 1, 2020

Note: The Transco and Southern systems interconnect with the DECGT system at a number of metering stations. Supply transported using the firm capacity contracted for the Southern and Transco systems are, in most instances, delivered to Dominion Energy South Carolina's ("DESC") 96 delivery points by DECGT. Thus, firm transportation capacity on the Transco and Southern systems cannot be aggregated with the firm transportation capacity on DECGT to reflect accurately the firm transportation capacity available to deliver gas to DESC's customers.

**Dominion Energy South Carolina**  
**Available System Wide Capacity to Serve Firm Sales Service Demand**

	<b><u>2020-21 Winter Reserve Capacity (Dt)</u></b>
DECGT Firm Interstate Capacity	397,427
DESC Shared DECGT Interstate Capacity	27,000
Segmented DECGT Interstate Capacity <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>-</u>
Total Capacity to Deliver Gas to DESC via DECGT	424,427
DESC's Peak Design Day Demand (Firm Sales Service to Customers)	438,988
Less: Direct Connect Firm Sales Service Customers	37,322
Net DESC Firm Sales Service Customers behind DECGT	<u>401,666</u>
Reserve dts	<u><u>22,761</u></u>
Reserve %	5.67%

<sup>(1)</sup> Segmented Capacity utilizes existing Firm DECGT capacity at no additional demand cost.